

LESSON 128

THE SUN

The Golden Dawn version of this trump is based on the Marseille's design and relates very heavily to the Sun in the Zodiac theme. However the original elements of the 15th century Pierpont Morgan-Bergamo version of the Sun are also incorporated in its theme as well, for this shows the Sun through the framework of the child dispensing growth to all the lands below.

Mathers says of this card 'The Sun has twelve principal rays which represent the Twelve Signs of the Zodiac. They are alternately waved and salient as symbolising the alteration of the masculine and feminine natures. These again are subdivided into the 36 decantes or sets of 10 degrees in the Zodiac, and these again into the 72 quincances or sets of 5, and the 72 fold Name Schemphamporesch (Note: This will be discussed in greater depth near the completion of the Correspondence Course. P.Z.). Thus the Sun embraces the whole of creation in its rays.

'The seven Hebrew Yods on each side, falling through the air refer to the Solar influence descending. The wall is the circle and its stones are the various degrees and divisions. The two children standing respectively on Water and Earth represent the generating influence of both, brought into action by the rays of the Sun. They are the two inferior passive Elements, as the Sun and Air above them are the superior and the active elements of Fire and Air. Furthermore these two children resemble the Sign of Gemini which unifies the Earthy Sign of Taurus with the Watery Sign of Cancer, and this Sign was, by the Greeks and Romans, referred to Apollo and the Sun.'

In the 3=8 ritual of the Practicus Grade further meanings are given of the 30th path of Resh, which are analogous to this card. "I am the Sun in greatest elevation, bringing down upon the earth ripening heat - fructifying all things - urging forward growth of vegetable nature, Life giving, Light producing, crowning summer with Golden Harvest, and filling the lap of plenteous Autumn with purple vintage of the Vine... I am the Sun in the greatest depression beneath the Equator when cold is greatest and heat is least - withdrawing his light in darkening winter, the dweller in the mist and storm - I am the Sun in Equinox, initiating Summer or heralding Winter - mild and genial in operation, giving forth or withdrawing the vital heat of life.

The Father of All congregated the Seven Firmaments of the Cosmos, circumscribing the Heaven with convex form. He constituted a Septenary of Wandering Existences, suspending their disorder in well disposed zones...". This shows that the 7 Yods relate not only to the 7 heavens but to the planets (their esoteric title is "Lords who Wander" which is the reason the esoteric title of this card is "Lord of the Fire of the World"). The second set of Yods show the curved effect of the Solar System which through the Precession of the Equinox will return to where it was. The two children also represent both man and woman before the Fall for here everything is in balanced disposition - their nakedness and innocence being part of the divine plan. The entire card is also a composite of the 4 elements which the Zodiac energies work through. The 3 sunflowers (Mr. Wang please note) beside the male child show the initiation of man into the mysteries of the Supernal of his soul, the Neshmamah, Chiah and Yechidah. There are 72 bricks, in 12 layers, of the wall with each brick representing an angel of the Schemphamphoresch and each layer under the presidency of its Zodiac hierarchy.

The Sun and its 12 points are coloured in the Maize Yellow of the King Scale and the next outer circle of 36 points is painted in the complementary colour of Light Bluish Violet. The sky is coloured in the Melon Yellow of the Queen Scale and the Yods are a Soft Violet Blue. The earth beside the pond is Apricot Yellow rayed Soft Pink of the Princess Scale and the water is the complementary Hyacinth Blue. The two children are coloured in the translucent Orange of the Prince Scale while the wall is coloured in the complementary Blue.

The psychological mode of consciousness that this card represents is an individual who is the center of attention. He is the electric or magnetic type of person who has a natural in-built authority to take command and lead. This person attracts those around him like a moth to a flame. As a person he feels he has to build for the good of all. He is the key to transformation and conversion of energy for the overall good. The benefits he gives to others are enormous. His level of perception is far seeing and the best over all description one could give of him is that of a Demi-God.

The alchemical action of this card is that of the Conjunction, the unification of brother and sister outside the bounds of matter, one of the stages an alchemist can reach.

The numerological association to this card is 19. Levi says of 19 that: 'It is the number of light. It is the very existence of God proved by the very idea of God... Being is alive with

intelligence, and the living intelligence, and the living intelligence of absolute being is God'.

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## DIVINATION

ON MATTERS OF Selfhood; Self Projection; new ideas; new beginnings; reactions to outside stimuli; the life force; first encounters:

Concerning new ideas, the Sun represents the fertile mind: the World is your oyster, you will be inspired. This card shows a pure expression of the self, uninhibited by any social taboo's, with an honourable disposition, a strong character which may be assertive and dominating. The physical body has good vitality, this card favours longevity. Reactions to outside stimulæ are positive and forward. The Sun deems success for any project undertaken. First encounters are positive and in fact appear radiating and are deemed fruitful. Your own positive qualities will have to be mastered to be brought into unity with the whole self.

ON MATTERS OF possessions and personal attitude towards such; personal estate and resources both physical and material; principles and feelings; management and projection; commerce, personal, commercial, governmental and national financial affairs directly relating to the self:

A very fortunate card in this position. All conditions will manifest, but only when the time is ripe; don't despair as affairs will be motivated and people will be stirred into action, for the Sun shows challenge to strive forward. While you wait for the "ripe" time, collect experience (the Sun is a card of collecting consciousness, experience, knowledge) to fortify yourself, your way of life and business/income. Careful thought and consideration of all interrelating factors must be applied for success in any endeavour. Generally speaking this card portrays one in control, with potential gain, and for some if positively aspected, wealth. Negatively aspected it shows vanity which could lead to a multitude of sins.

ON MATTERS OF short journeys; communications; relationships; brothers, sisters, neighbours; humour; identity; early education; books; correspondence; enlarging ones field of activity:

Fortunate in matters of education, reading and writing - the fertile, receptive mind. There is a great deal of collecting information and co-operation. You can expect to receive mail and will find communication in all forms will be unobstructed. The Sun shows the influence of a higher intelligence, perhaps superiors. One is illuminated, or inspired to enlarge a field of activity. Travel is congenial and fruitful. A decision will be made and a trip taken for leisure purposes. Relationships in all forms are happy, harmonious and bear fruit. There is joviality. It shows a strong identity complex and one identifies with relationships to gain a perspective of life's worth.

ON MATTERS OF the end of one stage and the commencement of another; the home and private life; buildings; land; parents; security; emotions; significant shifts in life's directions; concerning the soul; the occult in its practical terms; divination:

The Sun shows here the strong, fit, kindly, all giving father archetype. Such a basis in one's life will extend happiness and contentment in the home environment where one's emotions are expressed freely and there is an abundance of affection. There is gain through property etc., and material well-being. On matters of the occult, it shows initiation of the Self, introducing the higher self; psychic experiences. If negatively aspected in the first half of one's life there are family troubles, persistent bad luck and thwarted plans, but this will improve towards middle and later life where one will experience success and comfort.

ON MATTERS OF love given; creativity of selfhood; the creative will; children; entertainment; recreation; speculation; sports; the arts; gambling; fulfilling potentiality:

A fortunate position for the Sun to be in! Vital powers urge you outward to express the self strongly, to increase your physical and mental prowess. You should have nothing left to fear with your health. Nations join together for the purposes of sport - all unite. The Sun shows a strong creative will, which can achieve anything desired, using all that is available in your life; pride and happiness with children; a child will follow in his father's footsteps. Enjoy life and take recreational time off. Concerning Love, there is a happy union of minds and souls for a duration of time however there is some element of transience.

ON MATTERS OF sickness; employment; employees; relationships within the work environment; conflicts; service; one's sense of service; the acquiring of skills; psychology:

Here the Sun represents those who are in a position of power - the employer. Relationships will be good; there will be helpfulness although self-reliance is encouraged. Being frank and open is the key to success. Ambition leads to development in many directions. Health improves as there are physiological changes for the better. If afflicted, heart, muscles, arteries and vitality is affected. If you are thinking of changing your employment the Sun implies success in whatever you choose. Employees work sincerely and are of like mind and purpose. Fellow worker relationships are jovial and harmonious. Friendships are carried through into personal life activities. A nation grows as a united force.

ON MATTERS OF marriage and divorce; contracts; the other party; competitors, adversaries, and known enemies; partnerships; public relationships; social interaction; the law of compensation; what is lacking; the workings of karma:

The Sun is a fortunate card for marriage, partnership, contracts and social interaction. There is social pleasure, harmonious relationships which are not inhibited or bound by social prejudices. You can expect good companionship and a happy union. There is a movement towards outside activities, meeting new and interesting people. To any question under the above matters the path of least resistance is usually taken. The Sun also shows someone who has dignity and samples the finer things in life. Competition is strong, but should be met with equal strength. There is very little lacking and you should reflect on your life and just see how rich it really is.

ON MATTERS OF death and rebirth; accidents; effects of others; crime and retribution; legacies; wills; others estates and finances; joint resources; moods; sex; spiritualism; rejuvenation; mysticism; transformation; psychotherapy:

Spiritual, mental and physical rejuvenation - powers of renewal. The Sun is not transformative for it works with what is already there, giving the energy and growth. It shows psychic development, the balancing forces of Yin and Yang. Partnerships are sound and beneficial for all concerned. There should be riches and success in the above matters, joint resources grow. The effects of others are beneficial, sexual unions are spontaneous and without guilt. Mood remains stable - content. This card shows daily reality, the "now" material world and has little if any association with mysticism, spiritualism or death. Longevity is implied.

ON MATTERS OF religion; metaphysics; philosophy; higher study and education; legal systems; morals; institutions of learning; long distance travel; exploration; public communications; the collective mind:

Desirous of public esteem and higher education. "Collective Intelligence". In this position the Sun shows the highest one can hope for in life as regards knowledge (wisdom) while in the physical body. Outwardly, inner truth is expressed, people are influenced, their lives are enriched. Extend your education, change that outlook, see that different viewpoint, rationalize. religions are solar - patriachic, science is held in high esteem. The Sun depicts pure thought, it does not show travel, however if travelling you will be safe. Public communications are clear and understood by all. This would be a good time to verbalise your beliefs. A legal system will work for the good of all.

ON MATTERS OF public honour; status; ambitions and goals reached; achievements; profession; the other parent; causes for disgrace; recognition; identity:

A person or country worthy of respect. One who leads, rules with dignity exercising power and authority fairly. Decisions are firmly made and carried out. There is prominence and success in activities undertaken. Sound judgement. The Sun alludes to the Splendour of the Material World in which one bathes. Achievements great and small are fulfilling. Concerning a parent - he/she shines inspiration - is a benefactor - or guides one through difficult times. You (or a country) are able to identify with an opposite and able to experience such an opposite of energies objectively and subjectively which leads to an advantage where one can understand and predict action and reaction.

ON MATTERS OF friends; income; social alliances; legislation; ones attitude; group activities; government, counsellors; love received; spiritual and intellectual aspirations; ideals; fulfilment; what you yield and how you benefit others:

Governmental decisions benefit the people: Patriotism is strong, the glory/honour of ones country must be upheld. Attention is turned to the physical wellbeing of the people; Municipal bodies co-operate and a civilisation grows. The Sun represents that which is here now, not what will be or was. Friendships grow; people are less bound by prejudices; bad times turn to better. Public holidays are represented here as well as individual holidaying. Whatever the situation under the above matters the Sun shows a fortifying and vitalising energy. Warmth

is yielded by you or another to other people, giving them comfort in their difficult moments.

ON MATTERS OF responsibility and contribution to others; humanistic concerns; karmic debts; unresolved problems; hidden resources; the unconscious; sorrow; health afflictions; secret enemies; hospitals; secret societies; self undoing; total identification:

The Sun in this position shows an element of secretiveness and privacy in a person (or country). It alludes to the gold of the Philosophers and an initiating into the greater source of inner light. Karmically everything will work according to the Divine Plan. The Sun advises the querent to get in touch with the direction of life's currents. You will need time to be alone with your thoughts and feelings and to revitalize yourself. Institutions and public attention must be avoided if you are wish to work unnoticed. There is a demand that you face reality and your own unconscious egotism - make peace with yourself. Sensitive to the hardships of the under-privileged may draw you to work in areas that help groups.

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MEDITATION ON THE SUN:

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Now paint this card with the above described colours. An outlined drawing is supplied with this lesson.

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LESSON 129

LAST JUDGEMENT .

The Golden Dawn version is much in the traditional mode of the Marseilles although there have been certain alterations to suit the Order's teachings. As a trump, the Last Judgement is firmly rooted in the beliefs from Revelations, especially Chapter 20, vs 12-14: 'And I saw the dead, small and great stand before God; and the other books were opened: and another book was opened: which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of these things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.' The angel sounding the trumpet also relates to revelations and was the manner in which the herald of the Last Judgement would come.

Of this card Mathers said: 'The last Judgement with an angel blowing a trumpet and the Dead rising from their tombs - but its meaning is far more occult and recondite than this for it is a glyph of the powers of Fire. The Angel encircled by the rainbow, whence leap coruscations of Fire, and crowned with the Sun, represents MICHAEL, the Great Archangel, the ruler of Solar Fire. The Serpents which leap in the rainbows are symbols of the Fiery Seraphim. The Trumpet represents the influence of the Spirit descending from BINAH, while the Banner with the Cross refers to the Four Rivers of Paradise and the letters of the Holy Name.'

'He is also AXIEROS, the first Samothracian Kabri, as well as Zeus and Osiris. The left hand figure below rising from the Earth is Samael, the ruler of Volanic Fire. He is also AXIOKERSOS, the Second Kabir, Pluto and Typhon. The right hand figure below is ANAEL, the ruler of the Astral Light. She is also AXIOKERSA, the Third Kabri, Ceres and Persephone, Isis and Nephthys. She is, therefore, represented in duplicate form, and rising from the waters. Around both these figures dart flashes of Lightning. These three principle figures form the Fire Triangle, and further represent the Fire operating in the other Three Elements of Earth, Air, and Water.'

'The central lower figure with his back turned, and his arms in the Sign of the Two equals Nine, is AREAL, the ruler of latent heat. He is rising from the Earth as if to receive the properties

of the other three. He is also KASMILLOS, the candidate in the Samothracian Mysteries, and the Horus of Egypt. He rises from the rock-hewn cubical Tomb and he also alludes to the Candidate who traverses the Path of Fire. The three lower figures represent the Hebrew letter SHIN, to which Fire is especially referred. The seven Hebrew Yods allude to the Sephiroth operating in each of the Planets and to the Schemphamporesch'.

In the 3=8 Theoricus Ritual, of the 31st Path of Shin more information is given as to the actions of this card through the speeches given to the candidate, this should be studied to gain further meanings to this trump. Mathers built the central triangle in the card around the actions of the Kabiri. The First Kabir equates to Will and Intellect, he forces Fire forward into Fire and relates to the actions of the apex of the Fire triangle. The Second Kabir represents Fire both Volcanic and Terrestrial, he relates to Fire raging and whirling and this equates with the Left Basel Angle of the Triangle. The Third Kabir relates to the Right Basel Angel of the Triangle and Astral Fire - the Fire of Life itself. Combined, these represent the power of the Intellect, Mind and Soul which are said to unite in the symbolic form of a Lion. The triangle in the card is in fact a solid triangular pyramid and is formed of 4 triangles (from a birds-eye view) 3 visible and one concealed. Three have already been named but the fourth and invisible one, has its three angles representing Latent Heat - AUD, active - AUB, passive - AUR respectively.

Westcott gives us the answer as to who these mysterious Kabir were: 'Kaberia: A very ancient system of Mysteries existed among the Islands of the Aegean sea, and chiefly at Samothrace. This district was inhabited by the Pelasgians, a race of Indio Germanic type which preceeded the Greeks. The Samothracians performed the mysteries called the Kabeiria, in honour of a group of Dieties - the Kabeiri - consisting of Axieros, Axiokersos, Axiokersa and the novice was called Kasmillos. The ceremony took place yearly and lasted 9 days. Personal virtuous conduct was demanded, and a form of absolution of sins was granted. The Initiated wore a purple ribborn around their necks as a talisman...Macrobius tells us that these festivals were performed at the Vernal Equinox, and that the symbolism referred to the Sun in Autumn and Spring-time.'

When these rituals were written the Golden Dawn had not heard of Pluto but after its discovery the rituals of the Stella Matutina and the Alpha et Omega included the dual association of Fire and Pluto to this card, with the former being dropped in favour of the latter (The Court cards taking over their original elemental roles). The association to Pluto here is a very exact one and hardly differs at all from the main meaning of the card when its esoteric meaning is considered, for Pluto is the planet

of both Death and Rebirth.

The rainbow from which Michael emerges is based on the diagram of the 7 heavens of Assiah (shown in the 3=8 grade) and this part of the Ritual should be studied carefully in relation to this card for like this diagram, it has a lot of hidden depth. The seven Yods emitted from the Trumpet represents not only the heralding of the Last Judgement but also the 7 basic spirits. The modern viewpoint is that they stand for the 7 tone vibrations that open all levels of development and when applied to the body of man relates to the 7 main spinal chakras. (For a western perspective on how these relate with the Sephiroth applied to the body of man see 'Beyond the Middle Pillar' by Regardie).

The triangle, 7 Yods, and circular eye from which the angel emerges are coloured in the Paprika Red of the King Scale and the sky background is the complementary translucent green. The sea is coloured Copper Red of the Queen Scale, in its translucent colour. The bodies are coloured in the translucent Venetian Red of the Prince Scale and the earth is in the Russet Red rayed Green of the Princess Scale. The letter Shin is in the King Scale with a translucent border around it to distinguish it clearly from the background. The angels wings and tunic and hair are also coloured in the King Scale with his wings having flashes of complementary Green through them for the feather outlines. His skin is the translucent complementary Green of the King Scale while his trumpet is the translucent Paprika Red of the King Scale as is the cross on the white banner. The aura emanating from the bodies is translucent white. The main coffin from which the central lower figure emerges is in the complementary Green to the King Scale as are the snakes in the upper eye of the heavens.

The title of this card 'Spirit of Primal Fire' and this relates to the basic essence of fire itself taken on a variety of levels as outlined in the card.

The psychological mode of consciousness that this card represents is that of an individual who has completely changed or repolarised his whole essence towards spirituality. The levels of consciousness applied here has really passed the individual stage as it is part of a mass movement or goal towards spirituality which the individual is caught up in. This brings more self awareness of man and his place in the cosmos. The main thing is that the individual must face his or her weaknesses and try to win over them for there can be no running away from things, it is confrontation time with the self. Because of this fact a complete transformation in character then occurs.

The alchemical meaning of this card is 'Multiplication' which is well described in relationship to this card from an

alchemical text: 'The waters when they come, awake bodies and the spirits that are imprisoned and weak. For they again undergo oppression and are enclosed in Hades and yet in a little while they grow and rise up and rejoice in the spring and baptism of the waters. For I tell you who are wise when you take plants, elements and stones in their places they appear to you to be nature. But they are not nature until Fire has treated them. When they are clad in their glory from the Fire and the shining colour of it being transformed to the divine state of fusion. For things are nourished in the fire and the embryo grows little by little, nourished as in its Mothers womb and when the appointed month comes near is not held back from coming out. The waves and surges, one after another is Hades wound them in the tomb where they lie. When the tomb is open, they come out of Hades like a babe from the womb'. This is a description of the alchemical rebirth. The cross on the trumpet of the angel is that of the rectified four elements. This rectification is when spirit has been impregnated into the elements (usually termed minerals in this instance).

This card is numbered 20 and is double the decad, which relates to perfection twice over or the rebirth of things. The first cycle of ten is the initial stage while the second shows the perfection of the work through trial and error.

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## DIVINATION

ON MATTERS OF Selfhood; Self Projection; new ideas; new beginnings; reactions to outside stimuli; the life force; first encounters:

If you receive the card Judgement in this position a definite decision or step must be taken in your life. This is a time when ones sense of self will be totally changed - even to the extent of changing ones external appearance. There is a tendency to feel alienated hence one is defensive, perhaps secretive and protective. This card shows an intensive person with strong powers of concentration. A trauma is experienced which will cause a change of values. Room is made (must be made) for new growth, that will radically destroy obstacles.

ON MATTERS OF possessions and personal attitude towards such; personal estate and resources both physical and material; principles and feelings; management and projection; commerce, personal, commercial, governmental and national financial affairs

directly relating to the self:

Economic issues affect daily life, however, life will not be uncomplicated or ordinary. In this position, Judgement shows that equilibrium is destroyed under the above matters. It alludes to extremes (wealth or poverty), and loss of what is important in your life (if it be materialistic). You must find an inner worth instead of external security. Judgement also shows that a government or country has a strong influence in shaping the world - the non-essential is cut out - what is of little value becomes of worth and what is of worth loses its value. Its energy is compulsiveness.

ON MATTERS OF short journeys; communications; relationships; brothers, sisters, neighbours; humour; identity; early education; books; correspondence; enlarging ones field of activity:

In this position Judgement shows that there is no mistake in communication of a matter, the situation is clear; thorough communication. There is an aim to penetrate the ordinary limits of mind, body and relationship. One must get to the heart of a matter. For some, tormenting secrets from childhood, or anger with family comes to the surface and is resolved. Having a powerful mind leads to the danger of obsessiveness. You must keep things in perspective. Judgement refers to one being sent away, or leaving the neighbourhood, which gives one a feeling of banishment; the opinions and love of others is important. The imagination is overactive.

ON MATTERS OF the end of one stage and the commencement of another; the home and private life; buildings; land; parents; security; emotions; significant shifts in lifes directions; concerning the soul; the occult in its practical terms; divination:

The emotional depths of psychological life is deeply affected by battles, upheavals etc., in the home. There is a wilfulness and obstinacy, the home atmosphere is strict, a father ominous. A total reorientation of the self is needed (taking place) in feelings about self. There are unresolved matters which hang below the level of consciousness and these must be faced, otherwise you (or a country) will suppress feelings and urges, becoming a walking timebomb. After breakage (breakdown) there is re-valuation, hidden resources give strength and the self (or buildings etc) are rebuilt. Endings are final, and dramatic, but once all is over there is a great sense of relief.

ON MATTERS OF love given; creativity of selfhood; the creative

will; children; entertainment; recreation; speculation; sports; the arts; gambling; fulfilling potentiality:

Here Judgement shows someone (people or countries) standing up to be counted - the desire to be special, loved or just accepted. The ego is powerful. Under the above matters all deeds are evaluated and judgement is made on merit. Expression is given to creative works and new areas are pioneered. Children cause a life changing effect, realisation of ones age perhaps. If negatively aspected there is abortion issues, miscarriage, grieving. If positively aspected there is pregnancy and birth. Over-domination of a child might cause the child to radically break with a parent, however for some, Judgement shows a strong relationship between parent and child. Romances, love affairs end - reality prevails.

ON MATTERS OF sickness; employment; employees; relationships within the work environment; conflicts; service; ones sense of service; the atquiring of skills; psychology:

For some, health problems finally end; for others however, its time the root cause was located and treated. Judgement also refers to psychosomatic illness. It represents dedicated workers, completed jobs to full satisfaction and a feeling of an end where a phase in your life is over. Jobs will be assessed and efficiency or existing methods will be judged. You may be leaving your work or receiving redundancy. If negatively aspected there may be an accident or illness which will cause irrevocable damage. A compulsion to serve and help others is strong, but try to serve yourself as well for the sake of your health and growth. A health problem may be instrumental in changing your life.

ON MATTERS OF marriage and divorce; contracts; the other party; competitors, adversaries, and known enemies; partnerships; public relationships; social interaction; the law of compensation; what is lacking; the workings of karma:

Through destruction and the trauma of letting go, a new life begins. Marriage and close relationships play a dominant role in ones life which can also help you in your personal transformation. However, relationships never run smoothly, with strong emotional upheavals. For those separating or divorced, there will be no going back. For those married, marriage causes a complete change in ones life and you must be prepared to accept this if the marriage is to last. Some attract in a partner what they haven't resolved in themselves, thus they get a taste of their own medicine. If there is difficulty letting go under the above matters, lifes circumstances will force you to let go.

ON MATTERS OF death and rebirth; accidents; effects of others; crime and retribution; legacies; wills; others estates and finances; joint resources; moods; sex; spiritualism; rejuvenation; mysticism; transformation; psychotherapy:

On a personal level, Judgement shows a compulsion to influence others through whatever means available, however, it would be better to channel such energy into yourself for your own transformation. On a large scale it shows an external overpowering influencing force on the masses. Financially (businesswise), power is on hand, contracts are influential, and there are hidden resources (wealth); partnerships may have power struggles - all cards must be laid on the table. For some in this position there is a death wish (to break all limited boundaries). There may be a narrow escape with death which causes a reassessment of life. Judgement also shows raw sexual energy, for some a preoccupation with sex.

ON MATTERS OF religion; metaphysics; philosophy; higher study, and education; legal systems; morals; institutions of learning; long distance travel; exploration; public communications; the collective mind:

When Judgement is in this position the will to find meaning in life must be invoked. It shows long journies and a journey from which one may not return. Religious and philosophical views are strong and serious; a search for the truth may lead one through profound experiences which will reorientate your philosophies, or, through an experience, beliefs will be torn apart, leaving despair and depression until a re-awakening. On a public note there are the few who try to convert the many to their beliefs. This card shows those who are very much involved in the here and now and many conflicts and challenges dominate current affairs.

ON MATTERS OF public honour; status; ambitions and goals reached; achievements; profession; the other parent; causes for disgrace; recognition; identity:

On a large universal scale this card represents power at all cost. On a personal level Judgement shows someone who needs to be better than others, to have a position of authority. What one wants and what one gets, however, are two totally different things, fortunately for some. There is a reaction towards authority, and a time for evaluation of life's motives, values, goals. This evaluation however can be painful and cause some to

psychologically withdraw from facing facts, as the results tend to be a fate-compli. Fate must be faced or you will be forever repeating your lessons. If you can face fate you will arise out of the ashes like a phoenix. Countries are only as strong as their population and allies.

ON MATTERS OF friends; income; social alliances; legislation; ones attitude; group activities; government, counsellors; love received; spiritual and intellectual aspirations; ideals; fulfilment; what you yield and how you benefit others:

Reformation of outdated methods and institutions is depicted by Judgement here; it's time to rise from the dust of the past. Views are reformed, a direction is changed, goals examined for their usefulness. Concerning friends, you must examine your reasons for forming friendships - possible betrayal. The meaning of life is sought: this must be found in contribution to a greater whole such as a cause or group. Although you may feel difficult in group activities, it will benefit you to break down barriers for greater transformation. Psychology groups - group therapy. This card also represents here a day or time of judgement for one or all.

ON MATTERS OF responsibility and contribution to others; humanistic concerns; karmic debts; unresolved problems; hidden resources; the unconscious; sorrow; health afflictions; secret enemies; hospitals; secret societies; self undoing; total identification:

Here judgement shows hidden changes which are facilitated on on the level of the Collective Unconscious; the accumulated emotions and sins of a collective society bursting to the surface revealing an unguided energy. This energy must be given direction or diffused, for crises can be transformed into productivity. Those in prison are best to use their time for personal growth; avoid self-persecution and guilt complexes - this is a time to resolve all issues and stand up to be judged. Judgement also shows dream analysis, therapy etc., which can release trapped energy (unconscious complexes) which then should be converted to strengthening the whole self. Some suffer the death-anxiety complex, due to fear of change and suppressing their own inner powers.

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LESSON 130

THE WORLD

The Golden Dawn version of this card departs slightly from the traditional Marseilles version of this card which showed a figure inside a wreath which some esoteric designers have shown to be three sets of 22 leaves, representing the totality of the Hebrew Alphabet and its representations acting through the Supernal. The main difference here between these designs and the Golden Dawn version is the level of operation from which the card works through, and this does not only refer to the level of consciousness but to the Kabbalistic world it is associated. The Golden Dawn has firmly anchored the main meaning of this card in Assiah, and as its framework, the material universe.

The Mathers description of this card from the 1-10 Grade of Zelator is: 'Within the oval formed of the 72 circles, is a female form, nude save for the scarf that floats around her. She is crowned with the Lunar Crescent of ISIS, and holds in her hands, two wands. Her legs form a cross. She is the Bride of the Apocalypse, the Kabbalistic Queen of the Canticles, the Egyptian ISIS or Great Feminine Kerubic Angel SANDALPHON on the left hand of the Mercy Seat of the ARK. The Wands are the directing forces of the positive and negative currents. The Seven Pointed Heptagram or Star alludes to the Seven Palaces of Assiah; the cross and legs to the symbol of the Four Letters of the Name. The surmounting crescent receives alike the influences of Geburah and Gedulah. She is the synthesis of the 32 Pthah, uniting Malkuth to Yesod.'

'The oval of the SCHEMHAMPORESCH, or Seventy-two fold name of the Diety. The twelve larger circles form the Zodiac. At the angles are the Four KERUBIM which are the vivified powers of the letters of the Name YOD HEH VAU HEH operating in the Elements.'

The card shows on the surface the blueprint of the world of Assiah, the Material World and the Seven levels of Assiah. The winged Kerubic emblems also relate to the four levels of the Kabbalistic Soul (Nephesch, Ruach, Neshamah and Chiah) with the Yechidah being symbolised by the central figure. This is the macrocosmic expression of the microcosm which composes the Universe, as we understand it. The central oval is also shaped like zero which in turn relates to the numerical value of the Fool which is the Alpha et Omega. Both cards start and end here, for in this card we find the beginnings started in the Fool which therefore completes the cycle. Under the old Golden Dawn associa-

tion both Earth and Saturn were applied here but now it is just Saturn as the Earth element is adequately catered for in the Court Cards.

The title of this card is the 'The Great One of the Night of Time'. This refers to the Spirit of the Universe manifested in materialistic terms, it is the latent force of the Universe as seen from the World.

The colouring of this card has the entire backdrop in the Light Indigo of the King Scale with the figure in the centre in its complementary translucent colour and shown in outline form only. The 12 major circles are in the Chocolate Brown of the Queen Scale with the outlines in its complementary colours. The 72 smaller circles are in the Brownish Grey of the Prince Scale with the outlines in its complementary colour. The four figures at each corner are in the Greyish Brown rayed Blue of the Princess Scale with the outlines in the complementary colour.

The psychological nature of this card is very complex. Some have considered that the oval relates to the egg from which the new birth will occur. The personal nature of the card however is a very different matter. The individual here has a great deal of energy that has been limited to work through preset structure. This type of hardship or handicap is placed on the individual so that he or she can work through to their full potential through limitations. This of course will require you to lose your negativity and work through an entirely different viewpoint to what one has been previously accustomed to. This is the card of discipline of the mind so that greater expansion and awareness can develop at a later stage. Everything will have to be examined in the microcosm. The tensions developing due to this restriction are intended to force the individual to reach new depths and insights. For the person who has built a wall around himself one has to contend with the material, only the things that one can see one will believe. Pressure is also a key word applied here as well for it is pressure that is needed to create the mental discipline one needs.

In alchemy this card stands for the Projection of the Stone. This is the state where the Stone is almost weightless and translucent. The translucent quality of the figure shows this, as does the four Kerubics in the corner show the stabilised concept of the Stone, while the Zodiac Spheres around it shows that the Stone itself has transformed the elements to take the properties of the stars themselves.

The numerology associated to this card is 21. This number reduces to 3 and 2+1; these are complete sets of units as the trumps it is linked to verify. 2(return) + 1(to beginning) =

3(unity). The number 21 is also the same value as AHIH, the God name of Kether and relates to existence. This is the top part of the Tree that equates with the bottom, just as Malkuth is the Kether of another Tree.

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## DIVINATION

ON MATTERS OF Selfhood; Self Projection; new ideas; new beginnings; reactions to outside stimuli; the life force; first encounters:

The results of new beginning realised, resolutions made. You must take responsibility for yourself, face up to immediate facts and realise the results of your actions. The World shows that one is on the path to understanding and development of self awareness. It advises patience and cautiousness and shows a need for a person (or nation) to become something or somebody. Physical changes or appearances take place for the better, however one must be fervent in any endeavour to make physical change. The main concern for the World in this position is individual - ones identity. Although there is initial restriction (matter), objectives are reached, responsibility developed. For the evolved one has attained.

ON MATTERS OF possessions and personal attitude towards such; personal estate and resources both physical and material; principles and feelings; management and projection; commerce, personal, commercial, governmental and national financial affairs directly relating to the self:

In this position the key impetus for the World is administrative intelligence. Results are achieved under the above matters; a sense of permanence and success is attained. Although premeditative, the results are productive, material accomplishment. Active involvement in the material world is due to a strong urge to improve the financial situation - alot of hard work in building up a business or ones skills, new skills are required and resources accumulated. Therefore, the World is truly a fortunate card in this position, representing consolidation and applied intelligence.

ON MATTERS OF short journeys; communications; relationships; brothers, sisters, neighbours; humour; identity; early education; books; correspondence; enlarging ones field of activity:

Loose ends in relationships under the above matters are tied up, a change of pace and place are depicted. Educational, writing, research or teaching plans are structured, forming a deepening sense of security through knowledge. This is the beginning of inner exploration; your path is of your own making. Communication efforts must be clear and concise if you want to be understood, however this card generally shows someone very adept at their own language and perhaps also other languages. Concerning travel, movement is limited to conventional means and fulfillment of responsibilities. Book everything in advance and then be sure to get confirmation.

ON MATTERS OF the end of one stage and the commencement of another; the home and private life; buildings; land; parents; security; emotions; significant shifts in life's directions; concerning the soul; the occult in its practical terms; divination:

A very stable situation is depicted here for this card. Everything will synthesize according to plan, this is a time where a cycle ends and results are shown thereof. If the results are progressive you will go on to new beginnings; if the result is regressive you will return to the beginning and will have to repeat that Karmic lesson. This card also shows one getting down to the basics of survival, a solid environment, stable upbringing. There is material structure; building, cropping, creating with one's hands. Concerning the soul - great possession is indicated. Concerning land, the omnipotence of nature is experienced.

ON MATTERS OF love given; creativity of selfhood; the creative will; children; entertainment; recreation; speculation; sports; the arts; gambling; fulfilling potentiality:

Here life is experienced in its basic form; celebrations and all things natural to a physical/material environment. For those in artistic or sporting activities a prize/reward is given. The World shows growth and a full cycle; the development of strength and endurance, disciplined creativity and intensity. There is an immense store of possibility in all of the above matters. In romance and love, spontaneity. Concerning children, this card shows fertility, procreation and the cycle of growth on all levels. The youth of today is our future and the World advises encouragement of the growth of today's youth. In speculation etc., you can expect to enjoy a piece of the cake.

ON MATTERS OF sickness; employment; employees; relationships within the work environment; conflicts; service; one's sense of

service; the acquiring of skills; psychology:

Matters are now finished and you may step abruptly into a new situation, however everything goes according to plan; time is on your side. If negatively aspected there is a delay and restriction. The World shows organisation and matters stabilising. In general in all areas of ones working environment you can expect success. Concerning health problems - these are balanced up; the body expels toxins and purifies itself, however, expect sickness, diarrhea or skin blemishes during this phase as this is the only way the body knows to expel its poisons. This is called a healing crisis. Exercise and a healthy diet is advised to aid this type of purification

ON MATTERS OF marriage and divorce; contracts; the other party; competitors, adversaries, and known enemies; partnerships; public relationships; social interaction; the law of compensation; what is lacking; the workings of karma:

The World under the above matters represents help and encouragement; a union; success is won expect the good with the bad and any decisions taken will be of personal choice. In business there is consolidation and firmly established business relationships. It shows a stunning sense of responsibility towards personal relationships and in this area of life a threshold is crossed. Divorce is not common to this card, moreover it represents entering into a wider area of public and social participation. Karmic responsibilities weigh heavily, however a light is seen at the end of the tunnel.

ON MATTERS OF death and rebirth; accidents; effects of others; crime and retribution; legacies; wills; others estates and finances; joint resources; moods; sex; spiritualism; rejuvenation; mysticism; transformation; psychotherapy:

The World shows an emphasis of life under the above matters, such as an increase of finance; deeper energies - feelings awakened; more control or restriction by others in business, estates etc. A partner becomes larger than life in ones affairs and their influence over such. There is however, an appreciation to sharing and there is no fear of letting go or merging with another; all show progress. Some refer to this card as death, however, it merely means the death of a phase, perhaps a persona - the separate self - then a merging with another, something else or a greater whole. It also shows traversing into an unknown realm. Negatively aspected there are delays, though one can be assured of monetary (or other) recompense. The World advises you to open yourself to the reality of the unseen world. Some may

experience a rebirth.

ON MATTERS OF religion; metaphysics; philosophy; higher study and education; legal systems; morals; institutions of learning; long distance travel; exploration; public communications; the collective mind:

The World in this position shows an assimilation of experiences, thus relating them to the here and now of ones ideals and philosophies. In legal matters there will be a worthy witness though time will be restricted. This card represents cosmic consciousness - the ultimate reality. In education and religion there is a need to find an answer, some breakaway from conventional religion and education and seek the unorthodox; others are the backbone of the "system". In travel, this card alludes to the wanderer, of mind or body - with no purpose, or perhaps there is purpose! Restrictions are encountered, however, for the material world defies escape. Do not plan so much, let your future just happen. This is where you may reap the most rewards.

ON MATTERS OF public honour; status; ambitions and goals reached, achievements; profession; the other parent; causes for disgrace; recognition; identity:

Power is in the people not the ruler, so such a persons success depends entirely on what support he is given. The World shows that a clarification of an entire matter takes place and what is seen as a result depends entirely on past actions. However in most cases there is complete achievement, but nothing is attained without effort, also what is success is generally judged purely by an individual's values! Rules are said to be adhered to but the World transcends the boundaries of these rules and some may think to be above them; nevertheless they will have to face their dues in the end, like everyone else. Positively aspected this card depicts great success here.

ON MATTERS OF friends; income; social alliances; legislation; ones attitude; group activities; government, counsellors; love received; spiritual and intellectual aspirations; ideals; fulfilment; what you yield and how you benefit others:

There is a perfect balancing of energies when the World is in this position. Ideals are greater than our own as they become town/country/universal-wide. However with this greater whole there is individualism to realise what they have or have not achieved. Objectives must be thought through and made realistic. Associations with false friends are finished - what is good

remains. A close friend may leave for a while but will return. This card bodes good for income. There is an urge to become more than you presently are - don't hold back, get up and do it. Don't crawl back to what offers security, as everything is transient.

ON MATTERS OF responsibility and contribution to others; humanistic concerns; karmic debts; unresolved problems; hidden resources; the unconscious; sorrow; health afflictions; secret enemies; hospitals; secret societies; self undoing; total identification:

A confrontation of Karma is experienced here; You can expect a breakthrough, an important transition in your life occurs. There is an initial period of confusion; do not despair, withdraw inward and reach for this inner strength until the time is right. If a change is not made and you hold on to old structures circumstances, no matter how traumatic, may force a change. This is a good time to be alone for study and contemplation. Health should be good unless this card is ill-aspected. Rebirthing is favourable. Duty and responsibility must be accepted if involved with other people; don't be afraid to give thyself. Support of caring agencies should be sought by the needy - those in not such a desperate state should give help to other such causes, for the World is a card of Humanity where ones health and wealth depend on the health and wealth of the masses. "Time smiles and whets its knife".

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MEDITATION ON THE WORLD:

Let the Student first study the overall picture of the card, then study each detail: Each symbol and image. Study the colours. Now let the Student look at the card and feel its vibrations. Write down your overall impression.

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#### exercise

Now paint this card with the above described colours. An outlined drawing is supplied with this lesson.

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